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## Saugus Man Charged with Kidnapping, Burglary

A 37-year-old man accused of breaking into an apartment and kidnapping a 3-year-old girl was charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ethan Odom (dob 7/30/77) of Saugus has been charged with three felonies: kidnapping, victim under 14; first degree burglary, person present; and attempted kidnapping, victim under 14, in case PA082778.

The defendant is expected to be arraigned today at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in San Fernando in Department S.

The felony complaint also alleges that Odom was previously convicted of receiving stolen property in 2011.

Prosecutors said on the evening of Jan. 8, Odom reportedly entered an alleyway and removed the window screen of a Newhall apartment.

Inside the room were two young girls, including a 3-year-old, prosecutors said. The defendant allegedly grabbed the 3-year-old and left. The older child, who purportedly saw the kidnapping, called out for her father and the family called 911, according to prosecutors.

The victim's father and uncle then went searching for the kidnapped girl and allegedly found her in the defendant's arms, according to prosecutors. By then, sheriff deputies had arrived to the area, recovered the young girl and arrested Odom in connection with the kidnapping, prosecutors said.

The investigation revealed another attempted kidnapping in which Odom allegedly tried to lure a 9-year-old girl as she was walking with her mother about an hour before the second incident, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Odom faces a maximum sentence of 13 years and four months in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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